

For customers located in/outside the EU

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Dear Agents, Distributors and Customers,

We can confirm that Interflux® Electronics NV (IFE) is fully aware of the new European REACH-legislation. We are also aware of the projected timetables for pre-registration, registration and the required modification of the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).

The implication for IFE is that pre-registration of all substances in our preparations will have to be effected between June and December 2008.

We are receiving many requests for information on the pre-registration and registration status of IFE products/preparations from our customers. These requests are often accompanied by forms and questionnaires. In response IFE would like to update you about its activities with respect to REACH.

IFE is well prepared for REACH. Our consistent approach has been that we intend to (pre)-register some of our substances imported into the EU and that our suppliers have the intention to (pre)-register their substances.

Through the pre-registration process, IFE avoids any unnecessary disruption in the production and supply of its preparations.

PREPARING FOR REACH

IFE is working closely with all its suppliers to ensure timely pre-registration of substances in products that we purchase from suppliers/producers within the EU.

IFE will meet its legal obligations under REACH both as **formulator, distributor and downstream user** and is committed to assist its customers in all aspects. We have started preparations already some time ago:

- Lists have been compiled of all products/preparations sold by us; where per product, suppliers' name and composition (substance names and percentages) have been listed.
- Per substance our position in the chain (formulator/distributor/downstream user), CAS and EINECS numbers and the volume range have been identified.

With this we expect to be able to take our responsibilities in the chain in a timely manner.

As the REACH legislation becomes clearer, we will continue communicating with our suppliers and customers to exchange information in order to ensure compliance in a timely manner.

All relevant information that downstream users may need to fulfil their REACH compliance requirements — e.g. labelling of formulated products, coverage of their specific use in registrations, preparation of MSDS's will be provided and will become available regularly.

WILL INTERFLUX PRE-REGISTER AND REGISTER THE SUBSTANCES IN THE PREPARATIONS IT SELLS?

IFE does not pre-register its preparations BUT makes sure its substances in the preparations will be pre-registered. Whereas the pre-registration is an activity of each individual supplier, the registration work shall be a joint activity of all pre-registrants of one particular substance. This specifically includes the exchange of available study information as required by REACH.

The actual registration of substances will follow, in accordance with the transitional provisions of the Regulation, in the years 2010 to 2018.

As a formulator, distributor and downstream user, IFE will work with its suppliers to ensure that the substances into the preparations will be registered and that our manufacturing processes will not be affected.

DO I NEED TO ENSURE THAT MY USES ARE COVERED IN THE REGISTRATION DOSSIER?

REACH is explicit about including uses in the registration dossier. If a certain use is not identified in the registration dossier, the product cannot be used for that purpose. New uses can always be added (see the following section for additional information). Under REACH, a risk assessment for each designated use is required. Accomplishing this will require the supplier and downstream user to exchange information regarding substance use and exposure potential.

Exposure scenarios and risk assessments will only be required for products containing substances classified as hazardous, and will be listed in the safety data sheet. Use information is not required for products which are not classified as hazardous or for substances that are produced or imported in quantities less than 10 tons per year.

At this time, various industry associations support the development of use and exposure categories.

In addition, our suppliers will create an industry-wide web based tool to manage use and exposure information. This tool is likely to be available in 2009.

IFE products are used by its customers in a great variety of applications and industries. We aim to support the broadest use spectrum of our products.

WHAT IF A DOWNSTREAM USER HAS A NEW USE OR A USE NOT COVERED BY THE REGISTRATION?

There are three possible scenarios for a downstream user to register a new use or previously unregistered use:

- We, IFE will contact our supplier, who registers the new use, in which case the downstream user only needs to supply the necessary exposure information to us.
- The downstream user wishes not to inform IFE of a certain use. In this case, the downstream user should carry out its own risk assessment and register the particular use with the European Chemical Agency.
- Supplier of IFE does not support a specific use of its product. In this case, the downstream user should consider carrying out a risk assessment and register that particular use with the European Chemical Agency

We look forward to further communication as we work cooperatively within REACH to continue managing the safe use of chemicals.

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